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PREFACE.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers another volume of "The Primitive Church Magazine."

We venture to express our hope that it may be found at least not inferior to its predecessors, in the fidelity and clearness with which it has sought to uphold the pure doctrines and holy ordinances of the gospel.

The end which we have in view is not yet fully accomplished, and until this be the case, we submit that the publication of a periodical of this character cannot well be dispensed with. If our readers, and others who "profess and call themselves" Baptists, are of the same opinion, it is for them to aid us in the realisation of our desires by doing all in their power to encourage and increase its circulation. The pastors, deacons, and other active members of our churches, may render material assistance by embracing opportunities of recommending the Magazine both in public and in private, and also by furnishing items of interesting Intelligence from their several churches for insertion in its columns.

We cordially thank the brethren who have kindly aided us by contributions from their pens, and trust that other able brethren will add their names to the list for the ensuing year.

Our readers have already been informed that the senior editor has been compelled—under circumstances explained elsewhere—to resign his office, with the hope however, of continuing to render all the assistance in his power, though no longer in an official capacity. He bespeaks on behalf of his esteemed colleague, who henceforth assumes the entire conduct of the Magazine, the hearty coöperation and support of all the churches. Only let us continue to strive together in our efforts to maintain in all their purity, the principles and practice enjoined upon us by the word of God, and, though brethren whose services we would gladly enlist may stand aloof from us, let us remember that "THE BEST OF ALL IS, GOD IS WITH US!"

JOHN HOWE,
EDWARD PARKER.

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